

Regular Session, 2005

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY SENATOR MARIONNEAUX

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of Sergeant Isiah J. Sinclair.

A RESOLUTION

To express the sincere and heartfelt condolences of the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Isiah J. Sinclair upon his death in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

WHEREAS, it is with the deepest regret and the most profound sorrow that the Senate has learned of the tragic death in combat of Sergeant Isiah J. Sinclair; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair was a native of Natchitoches and his unit was based in Shreveport and part of the National Guard's assets there; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair had followed in the footsteps of his father, Langston, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War who was wounded twice during that conflict and only recently had passed away; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair was a member of the 1st Battalion, 156th Armored Regiment, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team when his unit was deployed to Iraq in the fall of 2004; and

WHEREAS, while Sergeant Sinclair loved his family and friends and missed them dearly during his tour of duty, he loved his country, felt it was an honor to be a part on his country's war on terror and was honored to be fighting the enemies of his beloved American homeland; and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair's highest priority was accomplishing his unit's mission
2 and getting the men under his command safely back home to their families once their tour
3 was complete; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair always placed the needs of his country, his unit, and
5 his men above his own needs and personal interests, never questioning the reasons why he
6 was in the Iraqi Theater of Operations and only wondering what he could do for the comfort
7 of his men; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair was 31 years old when he embarked on a mounted
9 patrol on March 26, 2005, through the deadly streets and alleys of Baghdad, concerned
10 primarily with his mission of finding, fixing, and destroying elements of a terrorist force
11 reported to be operating in the city; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair and a fellow soldier were attacked by enemy forces
13 who struck their vehicle with another vehicle armed with an improvised explosive device,
14 mortally wounding Sergeant Sinclair and his comrade; and

15 WHEREAS, the loss of Sergeant Sinclair and his fellow soldier was almost more
16 than his family and friends could endure, their ultimate sacrifice for their country made
17 citizens around Louisiana rally in support of the National Guard's gallant efforts in the war
18 on terror and the liberation of Iraq; and

19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Sinclair will forever be remembered by his family, friends, and
20 fellow soldiers as a dedicated soldier and his sacrifice serves as a reminder that freedom is
21 never free and Americans may have to fight to protect the freedoms and liberties its citizens
22 now enjoy.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
24 does hereby express a profound sense of loss and sends its heartfelt condolences from a
25 grateful state and nation to the family of United States Army National Guard Sergeant Isiah
26 J. Sinclair for fighting America's enemies in a faraway land.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
28 family of Sergeant Isiah J. Sinclair.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army National Guard Sergeant Isiah J. Sinclair.